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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3 IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

TAGS: PARM, UR, US

SUBJECT: TBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

STATE PNE MESSAGE NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO

1. IN RESTRICTED MEETINGS ON APRIL 5 AND APRIL 6, MOROKHOV HAS INDICATED CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISSUES OF "EXCEPTIONS" AND OBSERVER RIGHTS BETWEEN 100 AND 150 KT. HE APPEARS TO BE SUGGESTING A FORMULATION THAT WOULD RESOLVE BOTH OF THESE ISSUES ALONG PARALLEL LINES INVOLVING "PRIOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIDES."

2. WASHINGTON PREFERENCE CONTINUES TO BE FOR RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES ON BASIS OF CURRENT US POSITIONS. HOWEVER, FOR USE IN THE EVENT THAT THIS IS UNATTAINABLE, THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SPECIFY OUR FLEXIBILITY ON THESE REMAINING ISSUES.

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3. ON THE "EXCEPTIONS" ISSUE, DELEGATION MAY EXPLORE COM-

PROMISE THAT WOULD MAINTAIN OUR ARTICLE III POSITION PROHIBITING INDIVIDUAL PNE'S ABOVE 150 KT AND WOULD BROADEN PRESENT LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE V TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES WHICH COULD PERMIT WIDER PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WHILE FURNISHING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE THAT SUCH EXPLOSIONS COULD NOT PROVIDE WEAPONS-

RELATED BENEFITS OTHERWISE PRECLUDED BY THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF OBSERVER RIGHTS BETWEEN 100 AND 150 KT, DELEGATION MAY ACCEPT FORMULATION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY MOROKHOV (PARA 9 MOSCOW 5297) WHICH WOULD SPECIFY THAT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WOULD BE INVITED TO BE PRESENT FOR PNES IN THIS YIELD RANGE UNLESS AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT OBSERVERS WOULD NOT BE NEEDED FOR A PARTICULAR PNE EVENT, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE HOST PARTY. KISSINGER

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